

Remarks

Claims 1-3, 5-23, 25-29 and 32-36 were pending. Claims 29 and 32-36 were allowed. Claim 15 has been cancelled. Claims 1, 5-10, 16, and 18 have been amended. Applicants assert that all claims are in condition for allowance as set forth more fully below.

112 Rejections

Claims 1-17 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as his invention. In particular:

Claims 1 and 10 recited limitations such as “at least in part”, at least partly, which the Office Action asserts fail to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. In the interest of an efficient prosecution, claim 1 has been amended to strike the phrase “at least in part” but Applicants do not concede that the phrase is indefinite as previously used. Similarly, claim 10 has been amended to strike the phrase “at least partially”. Therefore, the above rejection may now be withdrawn.

The office action rejects claim 1 again by asserting that the word “repurposable” is indefinite and fails to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant claims as his invention. Applicants respectfully point out that the term “repurposable” is a reasonably new but ubiquitous term of art having a meaning similar to “reconfigurable for a different purpose” as a casual Google of the term will show. Specific support for this term is found in the specification in the last sentence of paragraph 0009 and in paragraph 0037. As such, Applicants respectfully assert that the term is definite as applied to one of ordinary skill in the art based on a reading of the specification and as such the rejection must be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects claim 5 under 35 USC 112 second paragraph as failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regards as the invention by asserting that the phrase “is saved in World Wide Web Consortium (W3C)” is indefinite. Applicants point out that the World Wide Web Consortium is a well known industry organization that is engaged in developing industry standards. The cited phrase is a reference to the XML standard format of that group as opposed to a business specific XML format. Support for the cited phrase can be found in the specification in

paragraph 0009 and can be contrasted to the business-specific XML format for which support can be found in paragraph 0013. Applicants assert that one of average skill in the art would be familiar with the details of the W3C XML standard. However, in the interest of an efficient prosecution, applicants have amended claim 5 to clarify that the W3C is a XML format and as such the cited phrase is not indefinite under §112 second paragraph and as such the rejection must be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects claims 6 under 35 USC §112 second paragraph as failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regards as the invention by asserting the phrase “for different purposes” is indefinite. Claim 6 has been amended to recite “a purpose other than producing a first portable document format file”. As such, claim 6 now recites definite subject matter and as such the rejection under §112 may now be withdrawn.

Dependent claims 2-3, 5-9 and 11-17 depend from either independent claim 1 or 10 and were rejected for fully incorporating the dependencies of their respective base claims. Because dependent claims 2-3, 5-9 and 11-17 now depend from allowable independent claims 1 and 10, their rejections under §112 second paragraph can now also be withdrawn.

101 Rejections

Claims 1-28 stand rejected under 35 USC §101 as setting forth non-functional descriptive material and failing to set forth physical structures or materials comprising of hardware or a combination of hardware and software within the technical arts. A recent board of appeals decision has struck down the technological arts test for patentable subject matter under section 101 such that this rejection is moot and Applicants do not concede that claims 1-28 merely set forth non-functional subject matter. However, in the interest of an efficient prosecution, independent claims 1, 10 and 18 have been amended further to more fully describe the physical components in the recitations. As such, the §101 rejections against independent claims 1, 10 and 18 can now be withdrawn.

Dependent claims 2-9, 11-17 and 19-28 depend from allowable independent claims 1, 10 and 18 and their rejections should be withdrawn as they now incorporate the functional subject matter of their respective base claims.

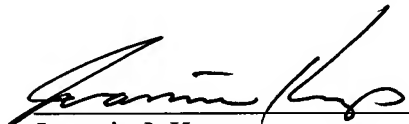
Conclusion

Applicants indicate their appreciation for the allowance of claims 29 and 32-36. Applicants further assert that the application including claims 1-3, 5-23, 25-28 is now in condition for allowance. Applicants request reconsideration of claims 1-3, 5-23 and 25-28 in view of the amendments and remarks above and further request that a Notice of Allowability be provided of all pending claims. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

No fees are believed due, however, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3025.

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